

# Amesbury Economic Incentives Committee Meeting Minutes

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[Amesbury Economic Incentives Committee](#) of January 19, 2021 -- Online/COVID-era-- 2:00PM

## Attendees

Members: Angela Cleveland, Robert Laplante, Barbara Lorenc, Tim Kisieleski, Angel Wills, Pam Gilday, Todd Laramie -- Others: Rob Anderson and Dan Morais with [MassDevelopment PACE program](#)

## Minutes

Voted and approved the November 17, 2020. Pam Gilday motion to approve, Barbara Lorenc 2nd, unanimous.

## Discussion

The following items were discussed per the [agenda](#):

- Rob Anderson and Dan Morais from MassDevelopment provided an overview of the Massachusetts (long-awaited) implementation of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE).
  - Links - <https://www.massdevelopment.com/news/massachusetts-launches-financing-program-for-energy-improvements-to-commercial-industrial-and-multifamily-buildings> and <https://www.massdevelopment.com/pace>
  - Amesbury was an early adopter of PACE w/ bill [2017-090](#)
  - City web page on PACE is at <https://www.amesburyma.gov/energy-environmental-affairs/pages/pace-program>
  - PACE allows the commercial or industrial property owner to pay off an approved energy-related betterment project over a 20 year period with a favorable accounting and tax reporting process
  - Criteria is listed on MassDev website and Dan/Rob are available to help property owners and stakeholders navigate the process implemented in MA
  - Not for municipally owned building projects, for example a school, as betterment is reflected in tax assessment/bill
  - Very specific process, building owners should work with MassDev to work through the process
  - The City and the Chamber have been awaiting PACE implementation at the state for several years. The Chamber recently had MassDev come and present a similar presentation to the Chamber's Economic Development Committee. Related info at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3eyiOWKRPo>
  - One Amesbury property owner/business has their PACE application in with MassDevelopment now, others are anticipated to do so in near term
- Updating the Amesbury EIC and Community and Economic Development web pages
  - Caitlin Thayer is in the process of updating the EIC web page <https://www.amesburyma.gov/economic-incentives-committee>
  - Caitlin is also working closely with Angela Cleveland on updating the Community and Economic Development web pages at <https://www.amesburyma.gov/community-economic-development>
- Annual reports from existing TIFs will begin to come into the City shortly
- Next meeting - February 16, 2021 - (cancelled, rescheduled for March 16, 2021)

**Adjourn:** 2:58 PM

Minutes prepared by note taker Pam Gilday on March 12, 2021